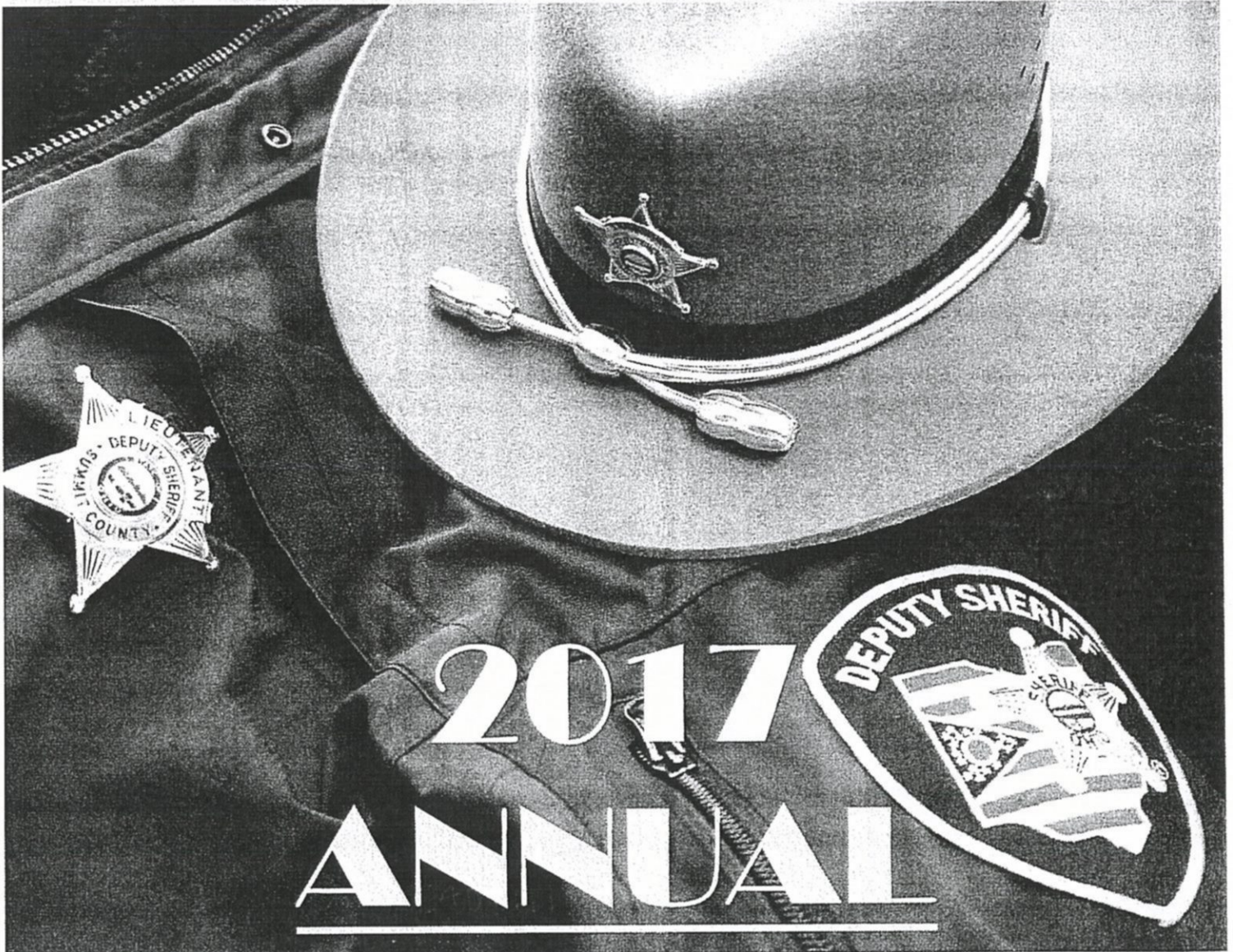
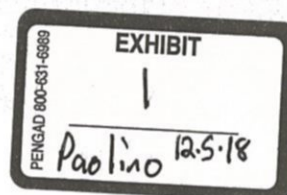


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SHERIFF'S MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE FOR ALL CITIZENS WITHIN SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO.

WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION THROUGH CONTINUAL TRAINING, MAINTAINING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DETER THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT, AS WELL AS UTILIZING ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR SAFE, EXPEDIENT, AND ACCURATE RESPONSES TO ALL INCIDENTS, ALL THE WHILE CONTINUING TO BUILD AND PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH A TRUE POSITIVE INTERACTION WITH THE PUBLIC.

DURING THIS MISSION COURSE, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PRESENT APPLICATION OF THE SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER: TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, CARING, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, AND CITIZENSHIP. THROUGH THESE ACHIEVEMENTS OUR AGENCY WILL DEMONSTRATE A SINCERE DEDICATION TO THIS VISION -

"OUR COUNTY, OUR COMMITMENT."



To the residents of Summit County, Ohio;

The Summit County Sheriff's Office has enjoyed a long-standing proud tradition of service to our community members, and we continued this practice in 2017. Although still faced with the challenges of insufficient funding for a county agency the size of ours (still approximately 3 million dollars under our last full budget in 2008) persistent low staffing at the Summit County Jail, and not being able to purchase needed items such as body cameras for our deputies, we continue to do everything in our power to keep the people in our county safe.

I cannot thank our employees enough for the professionalism they continually display on a very consistent basis, and the enthusiasm they still bring to their work product daily. We incessantly strive to work with our County Executive's office, Summit County Council, and other government, business and organizational leaders on behalf of our communities.

2017 brought some very unique situations for our various divisions. We were fortunate enough to afford to purchase a Body Scanner for the Summit County Jail. This was necessary to further insure weapons and contraband were not being brought into the jail, and it went into operation during the month of October. Within just a few short weeks of use, this extraordinary machine proved to be an invaluable safety resource for us as several items were able to be located, while still being internally concealed by different inmates, who had been brought to our jail. The deputies who were trained in using this scanner have done an excellent job in their recognition of contraband and the seizing of same.

Our Operations Division continues to do their best in combating the opioid crisis all counties in Ohio have been experiencing. I would like to commend our Patrol and Detective Bureaus, along with our Drug Unit for their proactive approaches in dealing with these illicit activities, as well as their investigative skills. We have joined forces with mental health professionals and Fire Medics from the different fire departments we work with to form our Quick Response Teams. These are the professionals who complete follow up visits with people who have survived an overdose situation and we provide them with resources to assist in their recovery.

I am truly proud of all of the employees of the Summit County Sheriff's Office (both civilian and sworn personnel) and the dedication they bring to the job each day. On behalf of all of them as well as myself, I respectfully submit this 2017 Annual Report for our citizens' review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Barry", with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Barry
Sheriff, County of Summit

SHERIFF STEVE BARRY



Sheriff Steve Barry proudly assumed the duties of Summit County Sheriff on January 7th, 2013 after being elected to the office in November 2012. Sheriff Barry is a lifelong Summit County resident and graduate of the Akron Public Schools System. He attended the University of Akron, majoring in Criminal Justice Technology. Sheriff Barry began his career with the Summit County Sheriff's Office in 1979 as a Special Deputy (reserve) after graduating from the Sheriff's Basic Law Enforcement Academy. He then graduated from the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy Course in 1982, and became a full-time Summit County Deputy Sheriff in October of the same year. His entire law enforcement career has been with the Summit County Sheriff's Office spanning over thirty years.

Sheriff Barry was fortunate to work in almost every division within the Sheriff's Office during his career, including Corrections, Court Security and Convey, Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Special Operations/Internal Affairs, along with undercover assignments during his early years. He also served as a Hostage Negotiator and Commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team as well as Director of an Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission Task Force, while on assignment with the Office of the Ohio Attorney General. The sheriff rose through the ranks during his career, attaining the rank of Sheriff's Captain.

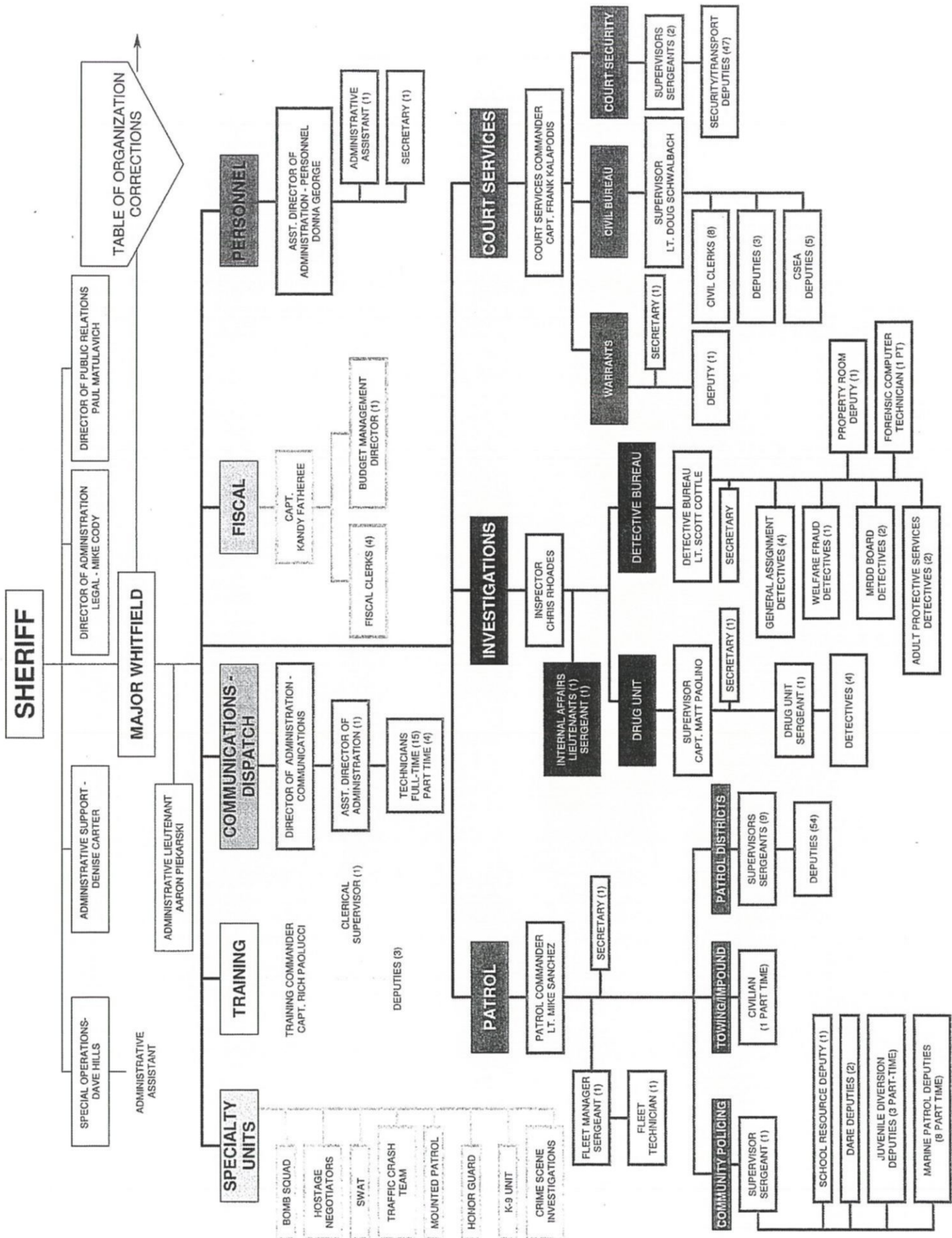
Sheriff Barry has completed over 1,500 hours of various training and coursework in law enforcement and has received several Awards, Citations, Letters and Certificates of Appreciation and Commendations for his work in law enforcement.

On January 1, 2017 Steve Barry began his second term as Summit County Sheriff after being re-elected in November 2016. Needless to say, he is very proud, yet humbled to be the Sheriff of Summit County, appreciates the work and services sheriff's deputies and employees perform every day, and looks forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Summit County for many years.



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SUPPORT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR



Ms. Denise Carter has been with the Summit County Sheriff's Office for over thirty years. She began her career with the Sheriff's Office as a Secretary for the Summit County Jail Inmate Services program. Within months of being hired, Ms. Carter was chosen to become the Secretary in the Sheriff's Patrol

Bureau, where she rose through the ranks of secretarial classifications, and continued working in the Operations Division, becoming the most senior secretary in the agency. She has received several accolades during her career including receiving the Summit County "Highpoint Award" recognizing civilian county employees who have excelled in their duties. Due to her vast knowledge and experience, in January of 2013, Ms. Carter was chosen to become the Support Services Administrator for newly elected Sheriff Steve Barry.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Ms. Pam Moore was hired to be a clerk in the Sheriff's Civil Division almost twenty years ago by then Sheriff David W. Troutman. During this same time period, it was determined an Administrative Assistant was needed in the Sheriff's Administrative Offices to assist the Support Services

Administrator with the ever increasing workload. Pam was chosen for this position and became Administrative Assistant. She is responsible for filing various administrative records, OPOTA certification records, and assists Sheriff's Command personnel as needed. Ms. Moore has now worked for four different Sheriffs in her administrative role and has been recognized for her job performance on numerous occasions, including being a Summit County High Point Award recipient.

Due to her vast knowledge and experience, Ms. Moore was chosen as the Office Representative which informs and involves the Sheriff's Office of various projects and activities within the County.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS & MEDIA



Mr. Paul Matulavich was hired in 1999 under Sheriff Warren, and has worked for the Summit County Sheriff's office for 18 years. Prior to this, Paul spent 22 years in management with the F.W. Albrecht Company. In 2005, Paul received the

Summit County Highpoint Award from then Sheriff Drew Alexander in recognition of his outstanding dedication and exemplary attendance.

In 2015, Mr. Matulavich was asked to devote his creative imagination, visual media skills, and published writing experience to developing new and original promotional strategies for the Sheriff's Office.

Among his responsibilities is the writing and photography for the agency's newsletter - the SHIELD (which is now being read around the world) and designing specialty publications like Above and Beyond, Bound by Honor, Among the Very Valiant, as well the agency's annual reports. Mr. Matulavich also manages and creates multi-media content for the Sheriff's Office Facebook page, as well as videography for the Sheriff's YouTube Channel.



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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL OPERATIONS



Dave Hills retired from the Summit County Sheriff's Office in 2009 with over thirty-two years of loyal law enforcement experience. Dave resumed his employment with the Sheriff's Office in 2013 with the election of Sheriff Barry. Dave is currently serving as the Assistant

Director of Administration responsible for the coordination and scheduling of all extra details worked by deputies which includes all full time deputies and 103 special deputies.

In 2016, Mr. Hills received the Summit County High Point Award in recognition of his many years of outstanding work and dedication to the Sheriff's Office.

Deputies for whom Director Hills has the responsibility for scheduling include:

- ♦ Unrestricted—Special Deputies that exercise arrest powers and carry weapons in the same manner as a regularly appointed full time deputy.
- ♦ Restricted—Special Deputies who exercise arrest powers and carry weapons only when assigned to duty by the Sheriff or his designee.



Extra details are special work assignments performed by sworn personnel, for public or private employers, under the mantle of the Sheriff's Office that may require the carrying of a firearm and/or may require an employee to make an arrest or complete an investigation. These details are worked outside normal work hours and include traffic details, security details, and community events.

2017 EXTRA DETAIL HOURS

	DONATED HOURS	PAID HOURS	TOTAL HOURS
FULL TIME DEPUTIES	63.25	51,654	51,717
SPECIAL DEPUTIES	2,129.85	7,972	10,102
TOTAL HOURS	2,193.10	59,626	61,819



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OPERATIONS DIVISION COMMANDER MAJOR BRAD WHITFIELD



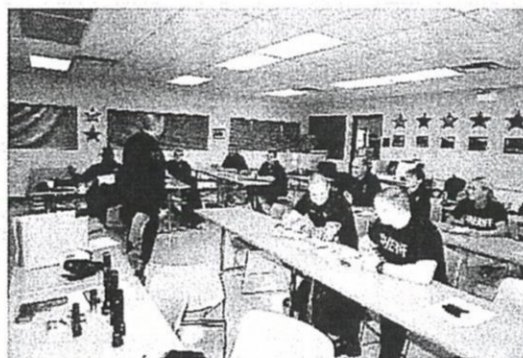
Major Brad Whitfield is a lifelong Summit County resident with twenty-seven years of active law enforcement experience. He has worked diligently within various assignments and several ranks throughout his tenure at the Sheriff's Office. He is a 2008 Graduate of the Penn State Criminal Justice Institute's Police

Executive Development Program with both basic and advanced curriculums.

In 2017, Major Whitfield continued in his role as the Operations Division Commander. While working in this position he oversees all of the Sheriff's Office Operational Bureaus. These Bureau's include Patrol, Court Services/Civil, Detective, Internal Affairs, Drug Unit, Training and Communications Bureaus. Major Whitfield is also responsible for overseeing the general operations of all Sheriff's Office specialty units such as SWAT, Bomb Squad, Crash Team, and Major Crime Scene Units. As the Operations Division Commander, Major Whitfield also oversees the general operations of the Sheriff's Office Personnel Bureau and Fiscal Bureau.

Major Whitfield believes that the personnel that he supervises is what keeps the Operations Division performing with such efficiency and professionalism. "It takes the dedication and cooperation of a team to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of an agency as large and diverse as the Summit County Sheriff's Office".

BASIC PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY



The Summit County Sheriff's Office partnered with the University of Akron in 2014 to operate a Basic Peace Officer Training Academy and this partnership continued throughout 2017.

Summit County Sheriff's Office OPOTA Certified Training Academy is a unique collaboration in law enforcement training. The instructors consist of both experienced law enforcement officers and well-respected University of Akron faculty members. This academy provides thorough and comprehensive training to develop policing skills, enhance leadership abilities, and promote a solid ethical foundation to all cadets. The program provides over 600 hours of basic training and prepares each cadet to pass the Ohio State Peace Officer's Certification Exam. Some examples of the training provided are firearms, subject control tactics, physical training, classroom training, and scenario-based training. Also, throughout the entire training, core values of professionalism, obligation, leadership, integrity, courage, and excellence are stressed and reinforced. When the cadets complete the academy, they enter the world of policing with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively perform the duties as law enforcement officials. In addition, cadets are eligible to receive twelve credit hours to be used towards a degree at the University of Akron.

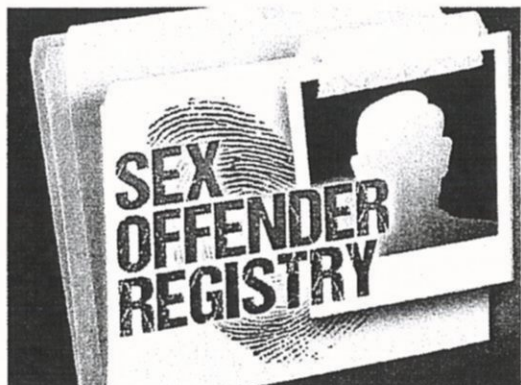
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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Sex Offender Investigation Unit is comprised of one detective and one civilian employee who are tasked with maintaining the registry and compliance of over 1200 registered sex offenders. There are approximately forty to fifty offenders currently registered as homeless.



Megan's Law was enacted in 1997 and classifies sex offenders as:

- ♦ Sex Offenders/Child Victim Offenders—required to register annually for ten years.
- ♦ Habitual Sex Offenders—required to register annually for twenty years.
- ♦ Sexual Predators/Child Victim Predators—required to register every ninety days for life.

On July 27, 2006 the Adam Walsh Act was signed into law by President George Bush. This law changed the classification of sex offenders into three tiers.

- ♦ Tier 1—Offenders must register every year for fifteen years.
- ♦ Tier 2—Offenders must register every six months for twenty-five years.
- ♦ Tier 3—Offenders must register every three months for life.

OFFENDER CLASSIFICATIONS	2016	2017
ADULT OFFENDERS		
SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENDER	284	226
HABITUAL SEX OFFENDER	82	77
SEXUAL PREDATOR	195	209
TIER 1	130	134
TIER 2	183	216
TIER 3	68	76
TOTAL ADULT OFFENDERS	942	938
JUVENILE OFFENDERS		
SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENDER	7	6
HABITUAL SEX OFFENDER	2	2
SEXUAL PREDATOR	3	4
TIER 1	9	10
TIER 2	10	12
TIER 3	9	14
TOTAL JUVENILE OFFENDERS	40	48

Sex offenders are required to register according to the schedule established by their designated classification as well as any time they change their address. In 2017, deputies completed 2,499 adult offender registrations and 132 juvenile offender registrations. Sixty-four offenders registered for the first time. In 2017, with a grant from the Ohio Attorney General, court documents for nearly 900 sex offenders were scanned into the state database.



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SEX OFFENDER VERIFICATION

The Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the Adult Parole Authority and County Probation Department, conduct annual address verification sweeps to ensure compliance of offenders. In 2017, sweeps were conducted to verify residency of 154 offenders of which 49 were found to be out of compliance.



SEX OFFENDER INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY	2016	2017
VERIFIED ADDRESS	109	105
OTHER AGENCY NOTIFIED	19	9
ARRESTED	36	49
UNFOUNDED	33	10
WARRANTS ISSUED	7	29
DECEASED	20	15

Since September 29, 2013, all county Sheriff's became required to collect a one-time fee of \$100.00 for first time sex offender registrants. Fees collected are credited to the Rape Crisis Program Trust. Individuals that refuse to pay the fee are still registered as a sex offender but are placed on a list that is submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office each year indicating the refusal to pay. The Attorney General may then file civil charges against the individual for refusing to pay.

ARSON REGISTRATION



Ohio has adopted the Arson Registry Law in hopes of helping to solve more cases, deter repeat offenses and prevent deaths and property damage due to fire. The law went into effect on July 1, 2013. The law requires anyone convicted of an arson-related crime to register personally with the Sheriff of the county in which the offender resides. The offender is required to register annually for at least ten years after they are released from prison. If the offender was not given prison time they have to register after being sentenced. Failure to complete this registration may result in a fifth-degree felony charge. The Ohio Attorney General's Office maintains the central database containing the names, addresses, photos and other personal information on fire-setters. The registry, unlike the database for sex offenders, is available only to law enforcement officials and not the public. There were thirty-nine arsonists registered in Summit County in 2017.



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FISCAL BUREAU / ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

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This Bureau is comprised of four civilian employees; Budget Director Mrs. Pam Murray, Fiscal Officers Mrs. Angela Just, Mrs. Trish Durkin, and Ms. Jennifer Kline. Together they are responsible for the accountability of the operational budget for the Sheriff's Office. This includes all the purchasing, special revenues, accounts payable, accounts receivable, as well as auditing.

Furthermore, Administrative Secretary Ms. Tina Outley assists staff with deputy uniform allowances, various employee training and travel, purchase of equipment, competitive bidding, proposals, contracts, and payroll for all the agency's employees. Staff is also responsible for coordinating funding for prisoner extraditions which must be completed without additional funding from the County.

BUDGET	2016 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUNDS		
SHERIFF GENERAL OFFICE	\$9,092,900.00	\$9,214,800.00
SHERIFF JAIL OPERATING	\$20,974,600.00	\$21,547,180.00
COURT HOUSE SECURITY	\$629,300.00	\$635,700.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$30,696,800.00	\$31,397,680.00
SPECIAL REVENUES		
POLICE ROTARY	\$7,716,400.00	\$7,657,720.00
TRAINING ROTARY	\$83,000.00	\$80,500.00
INMATE WELFARE	\$214,500.00	\$241,300.00
CIVIL FORECLOSURE ROTARY	\$594,500.00	\$580,300.00
FORECLOSURE EDUCATION	\$167,800.00	\$142,100.00
INMATE PHONE COMMISSION	\$465,300.00	\$478,000.00
CCW CONCEALED CARRY	\$99,600.00	\$219,500.00
911 WIRELESS SERVICES	\$00.00	\$25,000.00
SENIOR SERVICES	\$1000.00	\$00.00
CSEA IV-D SECURITY	\$507,900.00	\$537,300.00
CPT TRAINING	\$35,000.00	\$50,000.00
GRANTS		
DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
OVI TASK FORCE	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00
D.A.R.E.	\$198,500.00	\$198,500.00
MARINE PATROL	\$42,668.00	\$42,668.00
HVEO HIGH VISIBILITY	\$33,061.65	\$36,945.48
IDEP IMPAIRED DRIVING	\$44,972.10	\$48,956.00
SAFE COMMUNITIES (NEW IN 2017)	\$000.00	\$65,000.00
DRUG UNIT	\$73,205.37	\$73,205.37
JUVENILE DIVERSION SOUTH	\$29,800.00	\$29,800.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION NORTH	\$32,700.00	\$32,700.00
INSURANCE RETENTION	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON	\$80,080.00	\$89,333.42
DLEF-DRUG UNIT	\$333,333.33	\$333,333.33
TOTAL ALL BUDGETS	\$41,855,120.45	\$42,764,841.60

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LEGAL ADVISOR

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Mr. Mike Cody was hired in 2016 and he is the resident Attorney and legal advisor for the Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Cody was born and grew up in the segregated Southern town of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Surrounded by history in the making, Mike's early years were shaped and significantly influenced by the monumental events of the national Civil Rights struggle that were occurring all around him. Tuscaloosa is just 90 miles from Montgomery and 60 miles from Birmingham, arguably two of the most pivotal places in the history of the civil rights movement. Mr. Cody later entered the University of Alabama, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology in 1976.

Attorney Mike Cody served as an Officer in the United States Army for 27 years. He served on the Department of Army Staff at the Pentagon, and was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, G-4, for Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Prior to his assignment there, Mike served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Support Operations, 19th Theater Army Area Command in Daegu, Republic of Korea. For his work with the Republic of Korea Army, Mr. Cody was awarded the South Korean Secretary of Defense's award for Meritorious Service in 2001. Mr. Cody retired from the Army in 2003 holding the rank of Colonel.

Through his many years serving in the armed forces, Mike achieved many notable accomplishments. Through his War College experience, he became a published author and co-authored a book entitled 'Building and Maintaining Healthy Organizations – the Key to Future Success'.

After his service in the Army, Mr. Cody moved his family to Akron to attend law school. He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Akron's School of Law.

Mr. Cody's duties as the Attorney for the Summit County Sheriff's Office encompasses a variety of legal disciplines. His primary areas of focus are in Labor and Employment law, but he spends a considerable amount of time practicing Foreclosure Law, Contract Law, Constitutional Law, laws associated with Jail Operations, and Criminal procedures.

In 2017, Attorney Cody participated in negotiating the four Collective Bargaining Agreements which guide the interactions of the Agency with the employee members of our four supporting Unions. He drafted, compiled, and submitted the 2017 application for a Bona Fide Occupational Qualification to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. The BFOQ supports jail operations at the Summit County Jail, and following its submission, Mr. Cody testified last October before the Commission for its approval. As the Police Legal Advisor for the Sheriff's Patrol Bureau, he remains involved in Criminal Law.

Attorney Mike Cody is married and has two children, both of whom are currently serving in the U.S. military. One in the U.S. Army and one in the United States Marine Corps.



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PERSONNEL BUREAU

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Donna George is the Assistant Director of Administration in charge of Personnel. She is assisted in this role by Administrative Assistant Jeanne Bickett and Secretary Mrs. Brittany Marshall. Prior to coming to the Sheriff's Office, Donna worked nearly twenty- years in human resources at the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency, a division of the Prosecutor's Office. In this position she served as the Personnel Administrative Assistant providing technical personnel and labor services to all staff levels. In 2016, Ms. George received the Summit County High Point Award for her many years of dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office.

Donna administrates hiring, conducting interviews with job applicants and making hiring recommendations. She oversees disciplinary issues and currently serves as a member of the Sheriff's Office Discipline Committee. She coordinates promotions and promotional exams. Donna is responsible to research and apply changes in employment regulations to make recommendations for agency policies and also serves on workgroups responsible for determining county-wide policies.

2017 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES		
SWORN		
SHERIFF		1
INSPECTOR		2
MAJOR		1
CAPTAIN		10
LIEUTENANT		11
SERGEANT		26
DEPUTY		285
TOTAL		336
CIVILIAN		
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT		2
FULL TIME CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL		18
UNION OFFICE/CLERICAL		34
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN		15
TOTAL		69
2017 PART TIME EMPLOYEES		
SWORN		8
CIVILIAN		5
TOTAL EMPLOYEES		418

ACTIVITY	2017
NEW HIRES	34
RE-HIRES	8
PROMOTIONS	10
DEMOTIONS	1
TRANSFERS	29
RESIGNATIONS	17
TERMINATIONS	3
DISABILITY SEPARATION	2
RETIREMENT	15

Donna prepares and maintains Equal Employment Opportunity and Fair Labor Standards reports and statistics and assists employees with ADA accommodation requests coordinating with Summit County Human Resources. During 2017, contract negotiations for all four collective bargaining agreements (Summit County Sheriff's Supervisors' Association; Deputies Union—Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc.; Ohio Council 8 AFSCME Local 1229—including the Communications Technical Unit and the Office and Clerical Unit) were ratified and passed by County Council. Both the AFSCME contracts and Supervisors' Contract were completed without fact finding. A fact finding hearing was held in 2017 for the Deputies FOP/OLC Union. The fact finding was for wages, insurance caps, and vacancies.

DISCIPLINE	2016	2017
WRITTEN WARNINGS	18	20
WRITTEN REPRIMANDS	10	13
ADMINISTRATIVE REFERRALS	18	8
GRIEVANCES	2016	2017
FOP /OHIO LABOR COUNCIL	33	24
SUPERVISORS UNION	3	2
AFSCME	7	3

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ABSENTEEISM	2016	
TOTAL SICK HOURS USED	26,809.25	28,065.50
UNEXCUSED SICK HOURS	4,506.25	4,158.50
FMLA HOURS	10,343.50	13,046.50
TOTAL HOURS EMPLOYEES ABSENT	41,659.00	45,270.50

COMPENSATORY TIME EARNED	2016	
CROSIER STREET JAIL & GLENWOOD JAIL	5,686.02	5,288.63
PATROL	2,133.60	2,686.00
CIVIL	666.75	524.25
DETECTIVE BUREAU	262.50	718.75
DRUG UNIT	94.00	245.00
ADMINISTRATION	132.63	212.24
TRAINING	145.50	161.00
JAIL ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	9,121.00	9,835.87

OVERTIME HOURS PAID	2016	
CROSIER & GLENWOOD JAILS	23,630.75	21,559.95
PATROL	978.55	2,260.30
PATROL COURT HOURS	881.50	863.75
RADIO	1,321.00	1,164.50
COURT SERVICES/CIVIL	2,396.00	2,173.25
DETECTIVE BUREAU	641.75	1,502.25
DRUG UNIT	1,730.50	2,641.50
ADMINISTRATION	.50	39.00
TOTAL	31,719.80	32,204.50

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PATROL BUREAU

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Lieutenant Mike Sanchez serves as the Patrol Bureau Commander. Administrative Secretary Mrs. Jackie Whitfield assists with record keeping and a variety of other responsibilities. Ten patrol sergeants assist in the supervision of deputies and overseeing daily operations.

The Patrol Bureau is responsible for patrolling and responding to calls for service in the City of Green, Coventry Township, Northfield Center Township, and Twinsburg Township as well as the Akron Canton Airport. Patrol deputies responded to 54,028 calls for service in 2017 throughout Summit County. The Community Policing Bureau is also attached to the Patrol Bureau which includes Juvenile Diversion, DARE, and the Marine Patrol Unit.

SUMMIT COUNTY O.V.I. TASK FORCE

The Summit County OVI Task Force is funded by a traffic safety grant provided by the National Transportation Safety Administration. The task force is comprised of The Summit County Sheriff's Office, Akron Police, Richfield Police, Stow Police, Barberton Police, Boston Heights Police, Peninsula Police, New Franklin Police, Silver Lake Police, Bath Township Police, and Tallmadge Police. The goal of the task force is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes within the county. In 2017, the task force conducted 26 OVI checkpoints and saturation patrols at locations that had previously shown to have high alcohol-related arrests and/or crashes.



VEHICLE TOWING, IMPOUND, AND SEIZURES

The Towing, Impound and Seizure Unit maintains records on all vehicles towed by the Sheriff's Office. This includes, but is not limited to vehicles towed for auto crashes, traffic offenses, disabled vehicles, criminal investigations, and drug seizures. The daily operation of the unit is coordinated by Roger Kline. Roger retired from the Sheriff's Office in 2009 with the rank of Major after serving over thirty years. He returned in 2012 part-time to oversee the Vehicle Towing Unit.

ACTIVITY	2016	2017		
VEHICLES RELEASED BY AFFIDAVITS	235	333		
SEIZED VEHICLES	0	0		
AUCTIONED VEHICLES	22	25		
VEHICLES TOWED 2017				
MONTH	D & L TOWING	JEFFREY'S TOWING	MILLER'S TOWING	
JANUARY	27	69	35	131
FEBRUARY	9	35	32	76
MARCH	26	51	44	121
APRIL	15	69	31	115
MAY	20	65	28	113
JUNE	32	44	31	107
JULY	28	54	30	112
AUGUST	20	49	40	109
SEPTEMBER	13	61	30	104
OCTOBER	26	57	27	110
NOVEMBER	18	45	34	97
DECEMBER	28	57	32	117
TOTAL	262	656	394	1,312

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MAJOR CRIME REPORTS COVENTRY TOWNSHIP	2016	
ASSAULTS	56	46
BURGLARY / Breaking & Entering	114	73
VANDALISM / CRIMINAL DAMAGE	103	89
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	3
LARCENY / THEFT	345	354
HOMICIDES (including involuntary manslaughter/vehicular homicide)	2	3
VEHICLE THEFTS*	23	16
RAPE	10	10
ROBBERY	7	4
SEXUAL ASSAULTS / GSI	15	2

* In some instances,
prosecution was declined upon
recovery of the stolen vehicle
or the suspect was arrested in
another jurisdiction.



MAJOR CRIME REPORTS CITY OF GREEN	2016	2017
ASSAULTS	80	67
BURGLARY / Breaking & Entering	131	112
VANDALISM / CRIMINAL DAMAGE	150	154
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	3
LARCENY / THEFT	669	661
HOMICIDES (including involuntary manslaughter, vehicular homicide)	1	1
VEHICLE THEFTS*	46	33
RAPE	13	9
ROBBERY	11	12
SEXUAL ASSAULTS / GSI	9	7

ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN NO INJURIES	285
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN W/ INJURIES	81
TRAFFIC STOPS MADE	639
TRAFFIC CITES ISSUED	520
COURTESY CITATIONS	206
FIELD INVESTIGATION CARDS COMPLETED	32
CONTACTS	13
ARRESTS/SUMMONS	358
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	9,244



2017 PATROL ACTIVITIES CITY OF GREEN	
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN NO INJURIES	708
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN W/ INJURIES	153
TRAFFIC STOPS MADE	2,004
TRAFFIC CITES ISSUED	1,178
COURTESY CITATIONS	776
FIELD INVESTIGATION CARDS COMPLETED	150
CONTACTS	29
ARRESTS/SUMMONS	406
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	23,753



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2017 PATROL ACTIVITIES NORTHFIELD CENTER TWP.	
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN NO INJURIES	156
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN W/ INJURIES	29
TRAFFIC STOPS MADE	860
TRAFFIC CITES ISSUED	273
COURTESY CITATIONS	501
FIELD INVESTIGATION CARDS COMPLETED	50
CONTACTS	37
ARRESTS/SUMMONS	79
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	7,337

MAJOR CRIME REPORTS NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP	2016	2017
ASSAULTS	10	5
BURGLARY including Breaking & Entering	12	16
VANDALISM / Criminal Damage	17	18
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT	122	121
HOMICIDES including involuntary manslaughter, vehicular homicide	1	0
VEHICLE THEFTS*	1	1
RAPE	0	1
ROBBERY	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULTS / GSI	1	0



2017 PATROL ACTIVITIES TWINSBURG TOWNSHIP	
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN NO INJURIES	63
ACCIDENT REPORTS TAKEN W/ INJURIES	16
TRAFFIC STOPS MADE	814
TRAFFIC CITES ISSUED	353
COURTESY CITATIONS	534
FIELD INVESTIGATION CARDS COMPLETED	106
CONTACTS	162
ARRESTS/SUMMONS	97
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	6,416

MAJOR CRIME REPORTS TWINSBURG TOWNSHIP	2016	2017
ASSAULTS	11	9
BURGLARY including breaking & Entering	8	27
VANDALISM /Criminal Damage	27	21
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT	63	76
HOMICIDE including involuntary manslaughter	0	0
VEHICLE THEFTS*	5	2
RAPE	2	3
ROBBERY	2	1
SEXUAL ASSAULTS / GSI	1	3



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AKRON CANTON AIRPORT



The Summit County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the law enforcement at the Akron-Canton Airport, including traffic control on the premises and the surrounding public roadways. Sergeant Leonard Fanelly supervises the daily operations of the Sheriff's Office at the airport. There are two deputies per shift and one explosive detection K-9 – "Anna".

Since January 2015, the additional deputy assigned to the Gate Screening Area was reduced, and that deputy is now posted during various hours only. Summit County Deputies provide security for the entire airport facility and grounds. This facility consists of 2,700 acres of property, and over ten miles of secured perimeter fencing with thirteen electronic and/or manual gates. The terminal has fifty-four alarmed man-doors that allow access to the facility's 'AOA and SIDA' areas. In 2017, Deputies responded to over 3,500 alarms.

The airport main terminal area is 197,000 square feet. There are 45 airport-based business buildings and 50 individual parking lots to patrol. Inspections for baggage, passengers and airport personnel are done by the TSA.



Airport Deputies work closely with all law enforcement agencies, including the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, U.S. Secret Service, I.C.E., F.B.I., D.E.A., A.T.F., and the Air Marshals. Deputies have also assisted the Ohio National Guard and the U.S. Navy Operations Support Center which has facilities at the airport. A federal ASR11 radar site is also located here.

The main commercial airlines based at the airport are Delta, United, American Airlines, and Spirit Airlines. Collectively, these six airlines have assisted 1,266,071 passengers in their travels, but this number is down - 9.48% from 2016. Airport deputies had some type of face-to-face contact with an estimated 2 million airport visitors, employees, and tenants in the year 2017.

The field based operations (FBO) include McKinley Air, North Star, Ultimate Air, MAPS Air Museum, Goodyear, AV Flight, J. Long Aviation, Timken, First Energy, Jet Tech, Smuckers, and Castle Aviation. Together, these businesses added an additional 70,323 passengers to the total airport traveler's count.

During 2017, deputies assigned to the airport completed 826 written reports with twenty-one arrests. Along with these duties, airport deputies performed sterile area search/inspections, random badge checks, and SIDA vehicle searches/inspections totaling 10,645.

PROHIBITED ITEMS REMOVED	2017
AMMO	6
AMMO AND MAGAZINE	15
KNIFE	4
KUBATON	4
FIREARM MAGAZINE	3
STUN DEVICE	3



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AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY or CRASH	12	0
ASSAULT	2	1
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	6	0
BOMB THREAT	1	0
CCW (GUN)	8	5
CIVIL MATTER	2	0
TRAFFIC CRASH on/off premises	18	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGING on/off premise	1	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	2
DOMESTIC INCIDENT	2	0
DRUG ABUSE OR POSSESSION	3	3
FIRE or FIRE ALARM	1	0
FOUND PROPERTY REPORTED	10	0
FOUND/LOST PROPERTY RETURNED	7	0
INDUCING PANIC	1	0
K-9 CHECKS ON PREMISES	614	0
LASER LIGHT ON AIRCRAFT	3	0
LITTERING	1	0
MEDICAL	46	0
MENTAL	1	0
PROHIBITED ITEM	45	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE NON CRIMINAL	6	0
RECOVERED STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE	0	0
RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	0	0
RESISTING ARREST	0	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR ACTIVITY	11	0
THEFT	4	0
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	11	2
TOWED VEHICLE	4	0
TRAFFICKING IN MARIJUANA	1	1
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MV	3	1
UNDECLARED FIREARM	1	0
WARRANT ARREST	3	3

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Community Policing Unit under the command of Sgt. Michael Walsh, consists of several specialized entities including Drug Awareness Resistance and Education (D.A.R.E.), Marine Patrol, Juvenile Diversion, and the Senior Services Unit. The function of the Community Policing Unit is to provide programs and services to bring the community and law enforcement closer together and provide a better understanding between the two. The Community Policing Unit arranges for many public demonstrations by Sheriff's Office special units, such as the Bomb Squad and K-9 Unit, and works closely with the Mounted Patrol to provide horseback rides and Show-and-Tell programs for children.

SENIOR SERVICES

The purpose of the Senior Services Unit is to reduce the victimization of and improve the services to the senior citizen population. The unit is assisted by many volunteers within the Sheriff's Office who provide structured presentations for AARP groups, churches, social events, and fraternal organizations. The Sheriff's Office established the Senior Watch Program which assigns Patrol deputies to personally visit our senior citizens. In 2017, the Sheriff's Office had 72 senior citizens that deputies checked on at least twice each month. The Sheriff's Office also held a Summer Cookout as well as Christmas Parties in our North and South Districts.



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NEW COMMUNITY QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

In 2017, Summit County began experiencing tragic and historic numbers of deaths due to opioid abuse, and communities were frantically seeking effective strategies to address the opiate epidemic. Mr. Greg McNeil, a member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force was first to introduce the concept of the Quick Response Team to the Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board. The idea quickly caught on with first responders and public health professionals throughout the county.

The Q.R.T. is best described as an outreach team comprised of a counselor, a paramedic, and a member of law enforcement. The team makes weekly visits to individuals who have suffered an overdose, with the goal of convincing them to seek further treatment and establish a path to recovery. While on scene, the team provides resources for overdose victims and their families.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the QRT Program since its inception, and provides deputy staff for teams in our patrol districts of Coventry Township and the City of Green. Green refers to their QRT as the GO team (Green Outreach).

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP Q.R.T. STATISTICS	2017
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS VISITED	19
THOSE WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT POST VISIT	2
PERCENTAGE OF CLIENTS HELPED BY PROGRAM	11%

CITY OF GREEN GO TEAM STATISTICS	2017
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS VISITED	111
THOSE WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT POST VISIT	26
PERCENTAGE OF CLIENTS HELPED BY PROGRAM	25%



JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Diversion Program is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court System, and local communities to help reduce juvenile crime. The program serves Coventry, Northfield Center Township, Twinsburg Township and the City of Green. The program is for first time, non-violent offenders and utilizes community service, making juveniles accountable for their offenses. A written contract is required between the offender, parent/guardian, and the Sheriff's Office. The contract states the community service hours to be worked, restitution (if applicable), random curfew checks, letters of apology, or other special sanctions. The program is an alternative to adjudication in the Juvenile Court System; however, if the offender breaks any terms to the contract, the matter is referred to Juvenile Court.

2017 JUVENILE DIVERSIONS PER KEY DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS SERVED

COVENTRY	GREEN	TWINSBURG	NORTHFIELD
300	590	40	60

2017 OFFENSES

	COVENTRY	GREEN	TWINSBURG	NORTHFIELD
ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED	5	5	2	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGING	3	4	0	0
THEFT	6	13	0	3
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	2	0	0
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	0	5	0	0
UNRULY	0	3	8	2

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D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

The Summit County Sheriff's Office utilizes the D.A.R.E. Program as its primary drug prevention education taught in the schools. Deputy Leigh Burdette and Deputy Mike Beers continue to present the program, and there are two part-time deputies who are available to assist if needed.



In the primary grades (Kindergarten—3rd Grade) the deputies conduct two visits that cover various topics such as the dangers of smoking, Internet safety, gun safety, "Stranger Danger" and Safety City.

The elementary curriculum for the 5th Grade consists of a series of ten lessons. The primary focus of the 5th Grade program is to develop the capacities needed to enable students to take charge of their lives with particular emphasis on substance abuse. Students are taught to understand the many consequences of using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, methamphetamine and inhalants on their developing brains and bodies, as well as the consequences for engaging in violent behavior. Students learn to develop and use communication and resistance skills to make positive quality life decisions about substance abuse and avoidance of violence.

The presence of the D.A.R.E. Officer in the classroom is an integral part of the students experience and a strong positive influence in their lives. In addition to the standard 5th grade D.A.R.E. program, the Sheriff's Office also presents the D.A.R.E. Middle School Program at the 8th Grade level. At the High School level, the deputies deliver drug awareness on Heroin, Methamphetamines, and Opiates.

2017 D.A.R.E. STATISTICS

SCHOOL DISTRICT - GRADE	# OF CLASSES	# STUDENTS
COVENTRY SCHOOLS		
K-3 RD	26	462
5 TH	6	158
8 TH	9	165
11TH/12TH	2	360
GREEN SCHOOLS		
K-3 RD	53	1,172
5 TH	12	330
8 TH	12	322
11TH/12TH	2	675
NORDONIA SCHOOLS		
K-3 RD	47	1,050
6 TH	10	312
11TH/12TH	2	568
ST. FRANCIS		
K-3 RD	8	114
5 TH	2	25
8 TH	2	48
ST. BARNABUS		
K-3 RD	12	171
5 TH	3	50
8 TH	3	78
ST. MATTHEW	5 TH 1	28
ST. MARY	5 TH 1	19
ST. VINCENT	5 TH 2	46
ELMS	5 TH 1	21
ST. SEBASTIAN	5 TH 3	58
ST. PAUL	5 TH 1	24
ST. JOSEPH	5 TH 1	24
SETON	5 TH 2	54
EMACULATE HEART	5 TH 2	48
TOTAL	225	6,397

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MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Marine Patrol Unit operates under the supervision of Sgt. Mike Walsh, who supervises eight part-time deputies. This Unit serves as the primary law enforcement agency on the waters of the Portage Lakes. The Portage Lakes are a unique set of lakes that differ from the majority of other bodies of water throughout the state. The actual water is a State Park but the majority of the shore line is private residences and businesses. There are currently over 3,000 registered docks, 32,000 acres of water, thirty-two miles of shoreline, three boat rental companies and seven bars/restaurants. There are events that occur on a daily basis ranging from rowing clubs to over fifty bass fishing tournaments as well as several special events throughout the season. There are a variety of events being held on the Portage Lakes all summer long.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- * Light up the Lakes is a night time parade that has become a major event and draws several thousand people to the lakes.
- * 4th of July Boat Parade and Fireworks.
- * Poker Run to benefit the Akron Children's Hospital Burn Unit.
- * Portage Lakes Yacht Club National Sailing Race which brings in boats from all over the state to participate.
- * Dragon Boat races to support Cancer Research.
- * Portage Lakes Antique Boat Show.

The Marine Patrol makes an effort to distribute as much educational literature to the public while taking the time to explain proper boating on the Portage Lakes. In 2017, over 2000 instructional pamphlets were distributed. Furthermore, 1,110 patrol hours were put in by the staff.

The Marine Patrol deputies came in contact with nearly 3000 people in 2017, and issued nearly 600 different kinds of warnings. However, citations and arrests are just a small part of our enforcement philosophy. The single largest complaint in 2017 was from residents about boats creating wakes. Unit Supervisor Sgt. Mike Walsh made a point to personally speak with every home owner on the lakes to address this issue. Enforcement efforts have been focused to reduce the number of these violations.

The accomplishments of the Marine Patrol Unit are due to the experience of our individual members. This includes one member who has twenty-six years of Marine Patrol experience, and another member who has twenty years of experience. Another member holds a position on the Summit County Special Operation Response Team (SORT) Water Rescue Branch with SCUBA Dive, Ice Dive, Swift Water, and Surface Ice Rescue certifications. Two members of the unit have won the Top Individual Marine Patrolman Award.

MARINE PATROL ACTIVITY - MAY 19 - OCTOBER 15, 2017	
SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON THE WATER	249
INSPECTIONS AT RAMPS, DOCKS, MARINAS	5
SPOT CHECKS	42
CITATIONS/ARRESTS	24
WARNINGS	563
SEARCH AND RESCUE TOWS	23
BOATING ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	1
VESSEL ASSISTS	1,584
PERSON ASSISTS	2,617
WAKE VIOLATION WARNINGS GIVEN	282
RECKLESS OPERATION WARNINGS	9
MANDATORY PFD WARNING	2
NAVIGATION RULES WARNING	25
SPECIAL EVENTS	10
TOTAL HOURS SPENT ON SPECIAL EVENTS	349
TOTAL BOAT PATROL HOURS	1,110



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BOMB SQUAD UNIT

The Sheriff's Bomb Squad, under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Rusov, consists of six bomb technicians and two explosive detection K-9 handlers who cover a total of nine counties in Northeastern Ohio. The counties include Carroll, Harrison, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, and Wayne. This group of dedicated deputies are on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to take care of any suspicious items, packages, explosive devices, recovered fireworks and military ordnances. All Bomb Technicians must attend a 280 hour FBI Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville Alabama as well as a forty hour recertification course every three years. The Bomb Squad is equipped with the latest and most up-to-date tools needed to dispose of explosive devices. These items include a Pierce heavy-duty rescue vehicle, designed specifically to meet the needs of the Bomb Squad; a total containment vessel for the transport of explosives without threat of harm to civilians or property; and a RemoTec Mark VI robot to remotely move explosives without the risk of harm or death to human life.

BOMB SQUAD CALL OUTS IN 2017

BOMB THREATS	9
MILITARY ORDNANCE RECOVERY	14
BLASTING CAPS	2
IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES	6
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	13
DETERIORATED DYNAMITE	3
RECOVERED EXPLOSIVES	2
RECOVERED FIREWORKS	5
V.I.P. BOMB SWEEPS	1
AMMUNITION DISPOSAL	3
TOTAL	58



EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 UNIT

The Summit County Sheriff's Explosive Detection K-9 Unit is also under the supervision of Lieutenant Joseph Rusov. The K-9 Unit provides assistance to many other agencies. As mentioned earlier, the arrival of K-9 Anna was an exciting addition to this unit in 2016.

K-9 ACTIVITY 2017

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS	8
VIP/ LARGE PUBLIC EVENTS	11
SCHOOL SEARCHES	14
BUILDING SEARCHES	36
EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 ACTIVITY	
SUSPICIOUS ITEM	5
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	11
AIRCRAFT SWEEPS	58
BOMB THREATS	52
PUBLIC EVENT SEARCHES	14
SELF INITIATED SEARCHES	941
GUN SWEEPS	3

2017 was an exciting year for K-9 Hoppa. She completed her State Recertification on July 19th and then traveled to several schools in Summit County, including Green, Coventry, and Barberton school districts. On numerous occasions, controlled substances and/or drug paraphernalia were recovered during these searches. Hoppa found a total of approximately 151 pounds of marijuana and 7 pounds of methamphetamine during her searches throughout the year. She spent the last two weeks of 2017 on vacation with her family in Florida.

DRUGS RECOVERED BY HOPPA IN 2017

MARIJUANA	151 lbs.
METHAMPHETAMINE	7 lbs.

During 2017, Hoppa received 182.5 hours of training, was used on 95 occasions, and made a total of 56 finds. She was requested to help with searches by the Akron and Barberton Police Departments, U.S. Postal Inspectors, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the F.B.I.

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SWAT - SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS



The Summit County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is under the command of Captain Richard Armsey, and consists of fifteen Operators and nine Tactical Medics. This team is made up of fourteen Summit County Sheriff's deputies and one member from the Mogadore Police Department. The Tactical Medics are all City of Green Fire Department members who are specially trained for their specific mission. All SWAT Team members and Tactical Medics have completed the basic SWAT operator's course and both have specialized and on-going training in their specific fields. SWAT Team members are required to complete eight hours of training monthly along with a forty hours of recertification training once a year.

In 2017, the SWAT Team conducted various entry and special operations throughout Summit County, providing support for the Sheriff's Detective Bureau, Narcotics Division, Patrol Division, as well as other agencies who requested their assistance in 2017. Team members are continually striving to increase their effectiveness, efficiency, and safety by keeping up to date with new tactics, new weaponry, training, and changes in the legal environment.

2017 SWAT TEAM OPERATIONS	
CITY OF AKRON	0
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF PATROL	2
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF CIVIL BUREAU	0
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF NARCOTICS	8
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE BUREAU	1
TOTAL	11

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM



The Sheriff's Crisis Negotiation Team is comprised of nine highly dedicated members under the supervision of Lieutenant Michael Sanchez. The goal of the elite Crisis Negotiations Team is to resolve critical incidents involving barricaded subjects, hostage takers, or persons that are threatening suicide. These dynamic situations represent emotionally trying and stressful moments for personnel who respond to them. Crisis negotiators must establish contact with subjects, identify their demands, and work to resolve tense and volatile standoffs without loss of life.

Two members of the Crisis Negotiation Team are required to accompany the SWAT team on all entries and high risk warrants. This provides an on-site negotiator should negotiation become necessary, adding another level of safety and security for the team and the public. Sheriff's Crisis Negotiators have completed Basic and Advanced Negotiator training through the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy or the FBI. Further, they have all been specifically trained to address individuals with altered mental states, whether induced by drugs, alcohol, or illness. Negotiation skills are maintained through an on-going continuing education process, via conferences and training hosted by federal, state and local agencies.

During 2017, Crisis Negotiators successfully convinced barricaded suspects on several occasions to surrender and end the incident without harm to anyone involved.

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MAJOR CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION UNIT

Under the command of Lieutenant Jeff Hemsley, the Major Crime Scene Investigation Unit is a specialized unit of deputies who volunteer to be members of the unit. Members assigned to this unit perform the required duties of crime scene processing in addition to their regular assignments throughout the Sheriff's Office. The function of the unit is to process crime scenes and collect physical, biological and trace evidence to present to the detectives, prosecutors and courts.

Crime Scene Technicians are trained extensively in the recovery of evidence and the various aspects of forensics. Their training and education continues throughout their careers as the science of forensics and the technology involved are constantly changing. On-going training is also provided in-house, as the technicians share information from training they receive at schools and demonstrate the learned techniques and processes. This provides a general understanding to other technicians who may not have received any training in that particular area of forensics. During 2017, the Crime Scene Unit responded to 100 calls for service.

CRIME SCENE RESPONSE 2017	
HOMICIDE	2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2
DRUG OVERDOSE	3
BURGLARY	38
SUSPICIOUS DEATH	15
THEFT	3
STOLEN VEHICLE	6
ASSAULT	6
RAPE	6
ROBBERY	1
SUICIDE	11
SUICIDE ATTEMPTS	0
SHOOTINGS	2
JAIL RELATED	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY & SQUAD ASSISTS	1
VANDALISM	1
SPECIAL DETAIL	2
SPECIAL DETAILS INCLUDE SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS	

SUMMIT METRO CRASH RESPONSE TEAM



The Summit Metro Crash Response Team is a very unique group of highly trained law enforcement

officers comprised of thirty members and three commanders. The team is responsible for the on-scene and follow-up investigations of fatal or serious injury crashes that occur within eighteen jurisdictions both in and outside Summit County. Sergeant Brad Tackett is the Operations Commander for the unit. Members must possess a variety of specialized skills dealing with motorcycle, pedestrian, and commercial vehicle crash investigation, accident reconstruction, vehicle dynamics, as well as advanced mapping and diagramming.

2017 was the first full year that Summit County Sheriff's personnel participated with the Metro Team. Currently the Sheriff's Office provides nine deputies and two sergeants for the team itself, as well as a lieutenant on the board of directors. The Summit Metro Crash Team conducts monthly trainings nine months out of the year. Members also attend specialty training in the fields of crash dynamics, crush deformation, and occupant kinematics. In 2017, the team received a grant from the Summit County Emergency Management Administration for the purchase of a Faro 3D scanner and training.

2017 SUMMIT METRO CRASH RESPONSE TEAM CALL OUTS			
VEHICLE TYPE INVOLVED	SERIOUS INJURY	FATALITY	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS
CARS (17)	5	12	DRUGS & LOSS OF CONTROL
CARS AND TRUCKS 4 CARS 3 TRUCKS	2	3	CROSSED OVER CENTER LANE
MOTORCYCLES (6)	3	3	LOSS OF CONTROL
CAR VS. PEDESTRIANS (3)	3	2	2 - VISIBILITY 1 - TEXTING
BUS VS. PEDESTRIAN (1)	1	1	LACK OF CLEAR VISIBILITY
CAR VS. MOTORCYCLE (1)		1	FAILURE TO YIELD

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MOUNTED PATROL UNIT



The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol consists of seven deputies and fourteen civilian auxiliary members who are under the command of Sergeant Roger Vaughan and deputy Michael Beers. These members participate on a voluntary basis and are required to provide their own feed, transportation, and horses. Due to the fact that they are a registered non-profit group, the Mounted Unit holds fundraisers to assist with the purchase of equipment.

2017 BUCKEYE STATE TRAINING
ALLEN COUNTY
COSHOCTON COUNTY
GUERNSEY COUNTY
RICHLAND COUNTY
2017 MILITARY AID OR GROUND CONTROL
NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.
MILL FEST AND HALLOWEEN PARTY - ATHENS
PALMER FEST - ATHENS
BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER
KENMORE FESTIVAL
AKRON FIREWORKS
2017 EVENTS/PARADES
BELMONT COUNTY JAMBOREE
MEMORIAL DAY IN GREEN AND NORTHFIELD CENTER
CUYAHOGA FALLS POLICE MEMORIAL PARADE
DREAM NIGHT AKRON ZOO
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME
BOSTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DAYS
SUMMIT COUNTY FAIR
BRIAR CREEK OPENING CEREMONY
EAGLES CLUB FAMILY PICNIC AND SHOW & TELL
OHIO STATE ATI CAMPUS DEMONSTRATION

In 2017, the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol continued to stay busy in the community events, parades, and Blossom Music Center. The Unit was also called upon to assist at Put N Bay with their first 'Bash on the Bay' festival headlining music star Toby Keith. Certainly the highlight of 2017 for the Mounted Patrol was members and their partners being chosen for the Sheriff's Unit of the Year Award at the annual awards ceremony. 2017 members and their mounts consist of Sgt. Roger Vaughan & TJ, Deputy Michael Beers & Snoop, Deputy Elisha Menefee & Rambo, Deputy Ty Kata & Artes, Deputy Lori Baker-Stella & Lucky, Deputy Jim Rimedio & Chief, and Deputy Coleman Caster & Maggie. all participated in this training.

The Mounted Unit thanks the City of Green for providing a stable and pasture for members use at Southgate Stables, a city-owned park.

THE SHERIFF'S HONOR GUARD



The Summit County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was established in 1979 by several dedicated deputies who wanted to give something back to their fellow comrades in a time of need. The Honor Guard consists of 10 full time Deputy Sheriff's under the command of Lieutenant John Peake. The Honor Guard attended special events during 2017, performing Color-Guard presentations at such events as the Summit County/Stark County Sheriff's BSSA meeting in October, and other community events.

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The Dispatch and Communications Bureau is under the supervision of Assistant Director of Administration Mrs. Leigh-Ann Slaughter, who oversees fifteen full-time dispatchers and six part-time dispatchers.

The Communications Bureau processes incoming 911 calls for dispatch out to the Patrol Units in the field. They also answer eight (8) additional administrative lines to provide service to the citizens of Summit County. In addition to the communities patrolled by the Sheriff's Office, the Summit County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center provides dispatch services to the Springfield Township Police Department, and Metro Parks Serving Summit County. Radio communication and support is also provided to the Humane Society, Juvenile Court Probation employees and Children's Services Bureau to provide assistance in the event of an emergency.

The Summit County Sheriff's Dispatch Center is the point of contact for activation for the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams. These teams are comprised of firefighters throughout the county who possess specialized training in the fields of hazardous material response, trench rescue, water rescue, rope rescue, confined space and structural collapse rescue.



The Dispatch Center is also the point of contact for the Summit County Crime Stoppers Program. Dispatchers gather the information from alert and conscientious citizens and relay it to the proper jurisdictional authority and to the Crime Stoppers Coordinator.



The Dispatch Center serves as the point of contact for other communities in the activation of the Emergency Alert Radio Notification used to issue Amber alerts and warn citizens of other emergencies.

The dispatchers manage the Reverse Alert Telephone Notification System used to alert citizens to emergencies in specific neighborhoods. The Dispatch Center is equipped with up-to-date, industry standard telephone and radio communication equipment.

In addition to radio and telephone communications, the dispatchers process warrants, protection orders, articles, missing persons, and stolen vehicles through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System and the National Crime Information Center.

2017 DISPATCH ACTIVITY	
DISPATCH INCIDENTS RECORDED	78,431
PROTECTION ORDERS ENTERED	1,319
WARRANT ENTRIES	4,932
STOLEN VEHICLE ENTRIES	153
MISSING PERSONS ENTRIES	68
STOLEN ARTICLE ENTRIES	71
911 CALLS	27,687
TOTAL CALLS PROCESSED	156,081

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INSPECTOR CHRISTOPHER RHOADES

Inspector Christopher Rhoades oversees all operations of the Investigative Bureau, which includes the Detective Bureau, Internal Affairs Unit and the Summit County Drug Unit which is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. As part of his responsibilities, Inspector Rhoades assists with pre-employment selections. He serves not only on the Sheriff's Office Disciplinary Review Committee and Use of Force Review Committee, but also the Child Fatality Review Board and the Opiate Task Force.

Inspector Rhoades has forty-one years of law enforcement service, including significant experience in several specialized areas of investigation. Throughout this time, he has worked in almost all bureaus of the Sheriff's Office, including Corrections, Patrol, Organized Crime and Vice Unit, Detective Bureau, and the SWAT Team. During his time as a supervisor, he directed operations in several different areas including the Patrol Bureau, Special Services Unit which included the Domestic Violence Unit, School Resource Unit, D.A.R.E. program, Marine Patrol Unit, and A.M.H.A. Unit, as well as SWAT Commander.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY	2017
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS	
SWORN	37
CIVILIAN	13
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS	17
CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS	
UNFOUNDED	6
EXONERATED	26
SUSTAINED	5
NOT SUSTAINED	7
PENDING	2
COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN	2
TOTAL CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	48

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT



LT. MIKE LOWE



SGT. CHRIS PLANCE

During 2017, the Internal Affairs Investigation Unit consisted of Lieutenant Mike Lowe and Sergeant Chris Plance. Their responsibilities include conducting pre-employment background investigations, investigation and record keeping of all citizen complaints, internal investigations, and special investigations as assigned by Sheriff Barry.

DETECTIVE BUREAU



Lieutenant Scott Cottle oversees operations within the Detective Bureau. The Investigative Bureau consists of eleven Detectives, one part-time Direct Indictment Officer, two part-time Computer Specialists, one Property/Evidence Specialist, and one Sergeant. From these, two detectives are specifically assigned to work on Adult Protective Services cases, one is assigned to Welfare cases, two are assigned to Summit County Board of Developmental Disabled cases, and one detective is assigned to work on Sexual Predator cases. There is an administrative secretary that assists with record keeping and other clerical duties.

Significant changes and improvements were made to the Detective Bureau in 2017. Among them, the complete remodeling of the office space and removal of cubicles to allow for an open floor plan which improved collaboration and communication between staff members. Organizing outdated documents and purging of 800 boxes of old case files further streamlined the Detective Bureau operations in 2017.

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The remaining four detectives work on felony assignments such as assault, burglary, rape, murder, child abuse, shootings, kidnappings, or whatever occurs within our jurisdictions. Detectives also assist other agencies when requested. The detectives also assist Internal Affairs by conducting background investigations on applicants. During 2017, the Detective Bureau investigated a total of 532 cases which resulted in the arrest of 277 suspects.

CASE CLEARANCES	2016	2017
ARREST	349	277
EXCEPTION	109	100
UNFOUNDED	0	9
WARRANT	60	56
OPEN	83	90

DETECTIVE BUREAU BREAKDOWN OF INVESTIGATIONS BY KEY DISTRICT

CASE TYPE	COVENTRY TWP		GREEN		NORTHFIELD CTR		TWINSBURG TWP	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASSAULT	7	9	22	5	3	0	2	0
BURGLARY/B&E	15	8	26	18	4	10	2	5
BAD CHECKS/THEFT OF IDENTITY	4	5	10	12	5	3	0	8
DEATH	3	4	6	5	0	1	0	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/DISPUTE	11	0	11	0	2	2	1	0
FIRE/ARSON	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
AMBULANCE/SQUAD ASSIST	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
HOMICIDE	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT	11	30	37	41	10	4	3	3
MISSING PERSON	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	4
FIREARM RELATED CHARGE	2	0	4	3	0	0	1	0
RAPE OR SEX OFFENSE	11	16	14	19	0	1	3	6
ROBBERY	5	3	1	6	0	0	0	0
STOLEN VEHICLE	7	4	13	9	1	0	1	0
SUICIDE OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	4	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	1	9	1	8	0	1	1	0
CHILD ABUSE/ENDANGERING	5	4	3	12	0	1	0	0
NARCOTICS	22	30	53	42	6	7	1	3
TOTAL	173	129	234	190	36	31	15	29

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE KEY DISTRICTS, THE DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATED CRIMINAL CASES IN 20 OTHER DISTRICTS AND JURISDICTIONS IN THE YEAR 2017. THESE LOCALITIES AND THEIR NUMBER OF ASSIGNED CASES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Akron – 66, Norton – 4, Copley – 6, Tallmadge – 6, Cuyahoga Falls – 11, Macedonia – 3, Peninsula – 1, New Franklin – 5, Bath – 1, Barberton – 9, Springfield Township – 3, Twinsburg City – 4, Stow – 3, Silver Lake – 2, Hudson – 4, Clinton – 2, Fairlawn – 4, Doylestown – 1, Bedford – 1, Cleveland – 1, Summit County Jail – 19, Glenwood Jail – 1,

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ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Since July of 2012, the Adult Protective Services (APS) has contracted with the Sheriff's Office for a detective. The APS Unit consists of investigators, nurses, sanitarian representatives (zoning and hoarders), mental health social workers, and law enforcement. The detectives work directly with the APS investigators on investigations of crimes committed against the elderly in Summit County. APS addresses four major concerns with the elderly; neglect, self-neglect, abuse, and financial exploitation. Complaints are received through a 24/7 hotline. The APS detective coordinates with the APS Unit on those cases screened and determined to have a need to be addressed with law enforcement. The detective sometimes works with neighboring police agencies when a referral is already being addressed by that local law enforcement to assist as necessary, in the investigation. When a new case develops through the referral process, the detective is responsible to file all reports and investigate the case.

In 2017, our detectives wrote incident reports on every case they went out on, however 99% of them were found to be non-criminal – due to the lack of proper laws in Ohio regarding neglect or endangering of seniors. Often the senior themselves refused to cooperate. So most reports are documentation that detectives investigated the condition of the elderly person and their living conditions, then determined no neglect or abuse took place according to the law. Our detectives are currently working to change the laws for the better protection of our elderly population.

APS CASE STATISTICS	2016	2017
APS TOTAL HOTLINE REFERRALS	1,163	1,112
CASES INVESTIGATED BY DETECTIVE	524	321
FELONY ARRESTS	7	7
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	2	1

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

In 2017, the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities continued to contract with the Summit County Sheriff's Office to investigate criminal cases that involve developmentally disabled persons residing in our county.

INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABLED		
	2016	2017
TOTAL CASES**	550	548
CRIMINAL CASES OPENED	101	115
CRIMINAL CASES CLOSED	100	109
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	12	18
FELONY ARRESTS	13	16
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	0	1
GRAND JURY	13	16
INDICTED	13	16
TOTAL ARRESTS	25	34
** THIS NUMBER REFLECTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES THAT WERE INVESTIGATED BOTH ADMINISTRATIVELY AND CRIMINALLY		

NUMBER OF CASES REVIEWED THAT DID NOT RISE TO LEVEL OF A POLICE REPORT, NO FURTHER ACTION - 433

DIRECT INDICTMENT

The Direct Indictment Officer is responsible for the review of all felony arrests by the Sheriff's Office and to expedite those cases through the Municipal Courts.

DIRECT INDICTMENTS	2016	2017
JANUARY	34	50
FEBRUARY	34	37
MARCH	50	44
APRIL	32	44
MAY	21	29
JUNE	39	30
JULY	47	39
AUGUST	42	38
SEPTEMBER	30	50
OCTOBER	33	28
NOVEMBER	32	51
DECEMBER	41	26
TOTAL	435	466

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WELFARE FRAUD

The Welfare Unit currently has one detective assigned to investigate persons that are receiving fraudulently obtained benefits. The detective is paid for by the Summit County Department of Job & Family Services (SCDJFS). This Detective completes all of Summit County Job & Family Services field investigations along with preparing cases for prosecution as well as assist the Attorney General's Office and the Ohio Investigative Unit to close down stores in Summit County who are allowing misuse of the Ohio Direction Card. The detective and SCJFS investigators work jointly to conduct investigations into fraudulent activity.

WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS	2017
CASES RECEIVED	6
CASES OPENED	5
PENDING CASES	3
GRAND JURY	5
INDICTMENTS	5
ARRESTS	9
HOME VISITS	529

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

Deputy John Spencer is the Property Officer for the Summit County Sheriff's Office and is responsible for receiving all property/evidence found, recovered, seized and abandoned, as well as ensuring that all documents are completed correctly for important chain-of-custody purposes. The property deputy conducts annual inventories on all money and firearms received and is responsible for coordinating annual auctions. The Sheriff's Office has approximately 40,000 pieces of property and/or evidence held in five property rooms and four vaults, dedicated to hold weapons and narcotics. All property received since October of 2005 is managed through an Access database and bar coding system. Old written records dating back to 1981 (contained in four ledger books consisting of 1,000 pages each) have been scanned into a Computer database in order to manage the records electronically.

	2016	2017
ITEMS RECEIVED	1,413	1,772
RETURNED TO OWNER	210	187
DESTROYED	372	477
DONATED	16	19
AUCTIONED	40	0

COMPUTER FORENSICS



The Computer Crimes Unit has one part-time computer forensic investigator whose primary responsibility is to analyze computers for evidence of a criminal nature as well as process the evidence and advise the lead detective if any criminal activity is found on the computer or device.

2017 CASES	COMPUTERS	MOBILE DEVICES
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	12	3
THEFT OF IDENTITY	5	0
MURDER	1	0
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	1	0
RAPE	0	1

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SUMMIT COUNTY DRUG UNIT

The Summit County Drug Unit was created in January 2001 under the authority of the Sheriff of Summit County. It is governed by a Board of Directors chaired by Sheriff Steve Barry. The Board includes the Chiefs of Police from each participating police departments; the supervising head of each participating state and federal agencies, and the Summit County Prosecutor.

The Drug Unit is overseen by Inspector Rhoades. Captain Paolino commands the Drug Unit and is a member of the Ohio Task Force Commander's Association. Sergeant Hunt supervises field operations of the multi-jurisdictional Drug Unit. Furthermore, the Summit County Drug Unit is manned by four full-time Summit County Deputies, one full-time officer from Akron, the University of Akron, Barberton, Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, New Franklin, Ohio State Patrol, Reminderville, Springfield Township, Stow, Tallmadge, and Barberton Police Departments, one part-time officer from Silver Lake Police and the Prosecutor's office, one HIDTA Analyst, and five DEA Agents.

During 2017, members of the Summit County Drug Unit initiated and completed multiple undercover or controlled purchases of narcotics and/or dangerous ordinance. Illicit drugs with a potential street value of \$6,691,007.47 were removed from communities in Summit County in 2017.

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS

To further the effectiveness of the Unit, and provide the best possible service to the citizens of Summit County, the Summit County Drug Unit and the Akron Police Narcotics Unit are co-located to form the Akron/Summit HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) Initiative. The two units work closely in an effort to identify and strategically investigate large-scale violators, and sources of illicit drugs into Summit County. HIDTA assists with funding of overtime, equipment, training, intelligence analysis, and event de-confliction. HIDTA supplies the Summit County Drug Unit with one full time analyst.

GRANT FUNDING

The Summit County Drug Unit is partially funded by the Ohio Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Services. In 2017, the Summit County Drug Unit was awarded funding in the amount of \$58,000.00 through the Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund.

DRUG INTERDICTION TEAM

The Summit County Drug Unit and the Akron Police Narcotics Unit have appropriated manpower to form a countywide interdiction team utilizing three K-9 handlers, one from the Akron Police Department, one from the Summit County Sheriff's Office and one from the University of Akron police department.

K-9 DRUG INTERDICTION REMOVALS IN 2017

MARIJUANA	68,684 GRAMS
METHAMPHETAMINE	3,402 GRAMS
OXYCODONE	471 UNIT DOSES
FENTANYL	31 GRAMS
COCAINE	3 GRAMS
HASHISH	1,154 GRAMS

METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORY RESPONSE

Members of the Summit County Drug Unit, Akron Police Narcotics Unit, Akron Police Department, University of Akron Police Department, Barberton Police, Copley Police Department, New Franklin Police Department, Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, Springfield Township Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration, make up the Summit County Clandestine Laboratory Response Team. This team of highly trained officers and agents is one of the largest in the State of Ohio. During 2017, members of the team investigated, identified, and dismantled several of these toxic sites.

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From a task force perspective, clandestine methamphetamine laboratory cases are extremely expensive, manpower intensive, and pose a serious health risk to the investigators and those officers responsible for the dismantling of these sites. In 2017, the number of 'one-pot' or 'shake and bake' methods of methamphetamine production was significantly reduced but were still dismantled by the Summit County Drug Unit. In some cases, the homeowner was responsible for the cost of cleanup of these clandestine labs.

Summit County is actually experiencing a decrease in the manufacturing of methamphetamines, but the Drug Unit has noticed a large influx of crystal meth being distributed in our communities. The Unit seized over 100 pounds of crystallized methamphetamine in 2017.

The Summit County Community Partnership Inc. is an organization of more than 180 businesses, municipalities, organizations and community activists working together to reduce the costly impacts of substance abuse in our community. Board members include representatives from businesses, law, health care (Children's Hospital of Akron, Summa Health Systems), Akron Host Lions, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy, Community Health Center and community activists.

In the year 2017, the Drug Unit and the Summit County Community Partnership continued to engage in efforts to combat the methamphetamine problem in Summit County through presentations, including a Methamphetamine Awareness Program, as well as a program dealing with the overall effects of drug trafficking. The program titled "Beyond the Possession" includes area trends, violence, money-laundering, terrorist links, drug-endangered children, gangs, environmental issues, and negative aspects of legalization.

The Drug Unit also works closely with county D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers in preparing programs relating to substance abuse and methamphetamine awareness.

HEROIN AND FENTANYL

Across the State of Ohio, including Summit County, heroin trafficking is increasing. Since 2007, Mexican brown heroin has become the primary type of heroin available in Summit County. In Summit County, the principal transporters and wholesale distributors of heroin are Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations

(DTO's) eclipsing more traditional Jamaican, Puerto Rican and Dominican organizations. The Mexican organizations have been able to expand their distribution activities throughout Ohio and into Summit County by exploiting Ohio's extensive interstate highway system. The State of Ohio, maintains the fourth largest interstate system and carries the third largest volume of truck traffic in the nation. The geographical location of Summit County within Ohio places it at a midway point between Chicago and the East Coast. It is a natural corridor connecting traffic through source cities including Detroit, New York, Youngstown and Columbus. Additionally, these routes are easily accessible to traffickers operating in Canada.

Throughout 2017, the DEA Cleveland RO, the Akron Summit County HIDTA Initiative, in conjunction with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies continued targeting drug trafficking organizations actively operating in the Akron, Ohio area.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Studies by the Department of Health and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) indicate that the pharmaceuticals most associated with overdoses are opioid analgesics (narcotic pain medications), including Methadone, Fentanyl, Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet), Morphine, Codeine, as well as sedatives including Diazepam (Valium), Alprazolam (Xanax) and sleeping medications. Since 2011, the Summit County Drug Unit has collected and disposed of 44,073 pounds of unused medications through the DUMP (Dispose of Unwanted Medications Properly) Program.

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PHARMACEUTICALS DESTROYED VIA DUMP	
YEAR	POUNDS
2013	5,401
2014	7,605
2015	8,569
2016	8,159
2017	8,688

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DRUG UNIT OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

During 2017, the Summit County Drug Unit made 114 arrests of persons for drug related offenses, and executed 154 searches. Subsequently, substantial quantities of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, steroids and other illicit substances were removed from Summit County communities through the purchase, seizure, and interdiction efforts. Furthermore, 65 firearms were confiscated.

The evidence technician of the Summit County Drug Unit received 1,920 items of narcotics and narcotics-related evidence to process in 2017.

2017 ARRESTS	
FELONY 1	29
FELONY 2	21
FELONY 3	34
FELONY 4	13
FELONY 5	17

2017 SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED BY DRUG UNIT	
RESIDENCES	48
VEHICLES	15
SCHOOLS, PACKAGES, AIRPORT, JAILS	78
CELL PHONES	9
OUT BUILDINGS	2
DUMPSITES	2

2017 CRIMINAL ASSETS SEIZED	
ITEM CATEGORY	TOTAL VALUE
VEHICLES	\$157,761.00
CURRENCY	\$779,780.00
JEWELRY	\$22,200.00
OTHER	\$2,750.00

2017 CRIMINAL FORFEITURES	
ITEM CATEGORY	TOTAL VALUE
VEHICLES	\$115,600.00
CURRENCY	\$1,023,221.00
ELECTRONICS	\$4,450.00
OTHER	\$37,925.00

2017 DRUG REMOVAL FROM STREETS		
DRUG TYPE	AMOUNT	STREET VALUE
ANABOLIC STEROIDS	3,560 DOSES	\$356,000.00
OTHER ANABOLICS	610 ML	\$46,600.00
BUTANE HASH OIL	90 DOSES	\$4,500.00
COCAINE	6,243.69 GRAMS	\$568,175.79
CRACK	12.5 GRAMS	\$1,137.50
FENTANYL	86.5 GRAMS	\$15,397.00
HASH	209.13 GRAMS	\$29,278.20
HEROIN	28.3 GRAMS	\$5,037.40
MARIJUANA	741.9 POUNDS	\$1,732,336.50
MARIJUANA PLANTS	74	\$348,540.00
METHAMPHETAMINE	39,856 GRAMS	\$3,347,935.08
PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS	63.16 GRAMS	\$5,052.80
RX ALPRAZOLAM	141.5 DOSES	\$707.50
RX AMPHETAMINE	22 DOSES	\$330.00
RX BUPRENORPHINE	35 DOSES	\$350.00
RX CLONAZEPAM	7 DOSES	\$70.00
RX CODEINE	2,290 DOSES	\$22,900.00
RX CYCLOBENZAPRINE	5 DOSES	\$40.00
RX HYDROCODONE	505 DOSES	\$7,575.00
RX MORPHINE	8 DOSES	\$136.00
RX OXYCODONE	3,517 DOSES	\$35,170.00
RX PHENTERMINE	3,648 DOSES	\$18,240.00
THC VIALS	200 DOSES	\$10,000.00
THC OIL AND /OR POWDER	136 GRAMS	\$2,800.00
TOTAL VALUE OF DRUGS SEIZED IN 2017		\$6,558,308.77

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